The expenditure under Service Heads amounted to Rs. 5,75,969 against Rs. 4,96,486 in the previous year, the increase during the current year being mainly under establishments, conservancy and sanitation and medical charges. Liabilities the extent of Rs. 62,270 accrued during the year were pending against Rs. 51,132 due to the Municipality towards taxes and contributions, etc.

9. *Public Works.*—No original works were carried out during the year. Out of the loan of Rs. 2 lakhs sanctioned by Government for tarring roads in the City, a sum of Rs. 75,000 was drawn during the year and a beginning was made in the programme for tarring important roads. The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of roads and buildings was Rs. 46,427 against Rs. 67,312 in the previous year.

10. *Water Supply.*—The control of water supply continued to be under the Public Works Department and the improvement of the existing system of water supply is under consideration.

11. *Conservancy.*—The Health Officer was in charge of the City conservancy. For the better conservancy of the City, 44 rubbish and 51 night soil carts were purchased by the Municipality at a cost of Rs. 32,665 in place of the hired carts hitherto employed for the purpose. A loan of Rs. 25,000 was sanctioned by Government for the improvement of the City conservancy. Another loan of Rs. 50,000 was also sanctioned by Government just after the close of the year, for the execution of drainage works by the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board.

12. *Public Health.*— Public health was generally good except for the outbreak of cholera in an epidemic form during the latter part of the year. The number of births and deaths registered during the year were 2,497 and 3,417 against 2,298 and 2,749 in the previous year. The number of infant deaths under one year was 296 against 350 in the previous year. The deaths from plague and cholera were 222 and 83 against 55 and nil respectively in the previous year. Necessary measures were adopted for putting down the epidemics and 14,986 persons were inoculated against plague, 2,340 persons against cholera, and 7,055 persons against small-pox. A special staff was engaged for carrying on anti-malarial operations and the breeding places for musquitoes were regularly treated with Paris Green.

13. *Sewage Farm.*—The revenue realised from the farm increased from Rs. 7,258 to Rs. 10,190 due to increased yield from the area rendered cultivable. The outlay incurred was Rs. 9,935 against Rs. 7,310 in the previous year.

14. *Public Instruction.*—During the year, the control of Primary Education was transferred to the Municipal Council under the Mysore Elementary Education Regulation and a School Board was constituted for the purpose. As in the previous year, 18 municipal schools with a strength of 2,466 were maintained by the Municipal Council with the aid of the Government subsidy. Grants were also paid to four night schools and six Wesleyan Mission Schools. The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 30,152 against Rs. 31,650 in the previous year.

15. *General.*—The Municipal Administration continued to be satisfactory and it is gratifying to note that the non-official members of the Municipal Council participated fully in all the activities tending to improve the City.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Economy in Expenditure by Local Bodies.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, issuing instructions for effecting economies in the State Budget Grants for the year 1931-32.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 3742-91—G. F. 54-31-22, dated 2nd December 1931, revising the instructions conveyed in clauses (1) to (5) of the above Government Order.

ORDER L. No. 4712-32—ML. 12-31-78, DATED 2ND JANUARY 1932.

In view of the necessity for effecting all round economy in the expenditure of Local Bodies, Government consider it desirable that these Bodies would do well to adopt such of the economy provisions contained in the Government Orders read above, as are suitable to their conditions and circumstances.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Working of the Railway Department for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Report on the Administration of the Railway Department for the year 1930-31, received with letter No. R. S. 922, dated 13—14th November 1931, from the Secretary to Government for Railways.

ORDER NO. G. 5239-90—G. M. 68-31-3, DATED 30TH DECEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. *Administrative Changes.*—Khan Bahadur A. A. Khan continued to be in charge of the Department throughout the year as Agent and Secretary to Government for Railways in addition to his duties as Traffic Manager, except for a short period when the late Mr. H. S. Aers, Loco and Carriage Superintendent, acted for him as Agent and Secretary for Railways.

3. *Open Lines.*—The total mileage of open lines on the 30th June 1931, including 7·66 miles opened during the year on the Ragihosahalli section of the Shimoga-Arasalu Railway was 722·39 miles with the capital at charge amounting to Rs. 576·88 lakhs. The further extension of the railway line beyond Arasalu for a distance of 9·35 miles up to Anandpura has since been sanctioned.

4. *Open Lines worked by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company.*—The length of the Mysore State lines worked by the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company remained the same as in the past year, *viz.*, 271·48 miles of which 9·88 miles were broad-gauge and 261·60 miles metre-gauge, with an aggregate capital cost of Rs. 2,07,84,096. The gross receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 44,38,000 and after deducting working expenses, guaranteed interest, etc., therefrom, the net receipts were Rs. 11,27,000 against Rs. 14,03,000 during the previous year. The decline in gross revenue was due chiefly to motor bus competition and general trade depression.

5. *Open Lines worked by the State.*—The length of lines worked by the State increased from 443·14 miles to 450·91 miles in the year under report with capital cost of Rs. 3,69,03,571. The gross earnings during the year amounted to Rs. 32·77 lakhs showing a decrease of Rs. 5·71 lakhs over the previous year's figure. This decrease is made up of Rs. 3·51 lakhs under coaching, Rs. 1·60 lakhs under goods and Rs. 60,000 under other items. The decline under coaching is attributed to the diversion of short distance traffic to buses on roads running parallel to the railway, the fall in the number of passengers being 6,77,785. The agent explains that competition by buses is increasing daily in spite of measures adopted to regain traffic by the introduction of additional shuttle trains, alteration of timings, etc., to suit the convenience of passengers. In this connection, the Mysore Retrenchment Committee of 1931 has observed that a proper co-ordination of railway and bus services requires the close attention of the railway authorities. The matter formed the subject of investigation by a Committee appointed by Government and orders have since issued on their recommendations for minimising bus competition with Railways.

6. *Expenses.*—While the total ordinary working expenses amounted to Rs. 22,62,000 or Rs. 1·10 lakhs less than those of the previous year, the percentage to

the gross earnings rose from 61·64 to 69·03 during the current year. This is reported to be due to the fall in revenue to the extent of Rs. 5·71 lakhs.

7. *Stores.*—The year opened with a balance of Rs. 5,44,340 and stores to the value of Rs. 14,31,000 were purchased, while the issues and sales amounted to Rs. 14,05,000 leaving a balance of Rs. 5,70,000 at the end of the year.

8. *Accidents.*—There were no serious accidents on the State Railways during the year. The number of persons injured was nine, of whom four were passengers jumping out of trains. The cattle accidents were 89 against 81 in the previous year. The number of engine failures was 43 against 57 in the previous year.

9. *General.*—Among the additional railway facilities provided are the following:—

(1) Continuance of the running of through trains between Mysore and Secunderabad;

(2) Opening of out-agencies at Virajpet and Saklespur for traffic, *via* Mysore and Hassan;

(3) Issue of return tickets at 1½ fares for double journeys during the Dasara and Christmas Holidays; and

(4) Introduction of the system of round trip return tickets for third class at cheap rates available by all trains between important pilgrim places; and of first and second class coupon tickets for mercantile firms both in local and through booking with certain foreign railways.

The working of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

Working of the Krishnarajasagara and Allied Works for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Letter No. 2018—K. S. S. dated 5th November 1931, from the Chief Engineer, Krishnarajasagara Works, forwarding the Administration Report for the Krishnarajasagara and Allied Works for the year 1930-31.

ORDER No. G. 5291-302—G. M. 61-31-3, DATED 30TH DECEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. *Krishnarajasagara Dam.*—The construction of the waste weir which was begun during the previous year made considerable progress during the year under report. The masonry works necessary for fixing the automatic and lift gates were nearly completed. The works connected with the terraces and layout of the rear of the Dam and the formation of approaches to give the finishing touches to the top of the Dam are being pushed through.

3. *Irwin Canal Works.*—All the important works between the Dam and the Tunnel were practically completed and the canal was tested up to the tunnel by allowing water. About 300 feet of the Tunnel remained to be widened and lined with masonry. The Maddur Branch of the Canal is ready to run water for irrigating about 22,000 acres. Preliminary arrangements to start the Cauvery Branch were undertaken during the year. This Branch with its sub-branches when completed is expected to irrigate about 74,000 acres.

4. *Improvement of Towns.*—Substantial progress was made in the layout of the Yedatore New Town; three blocks of quarters for officials were completed and sixty private houses were under construction.

The extension of the Mandya Town is also reported to be making good progress.

5. *Special Measures for the Development of Cultivation.*—For developing orchard cultivation on the irrigable lands under the Irwin Canal between the Dam and the Hulikere ridge, an experimental orchard farm has been opened on which considerable progress is reported to have been made. For affording facilities for the extension of

irrigation rendered possible by the Canal, a "Development Fund" has been constituted by earmarking therefor Rs. three lakhs out of the realisations from the sale of Government irrigable lands under the Canal. A model farm has been established for demonstrating improved methods of cultivation of sugar-cane and other valuable commercial crops. An extent of about 11 acres has already been planted with sugar-cane on this farm and investigations are in progress to see what varieties of cane will do well in this area and what manures and in what quantities are required for obtaining the best crop. One of the chief objects of this farm is to supply high-yielding sugar-cane seed to raiyats in the area.

6. *Other Irrigational Works.*—The work of improving and extending the Chickdevarajasagara Channel for which an estimate of Rs. five lakhs was sanctioned made some progress. The head works and the channel extension have been completed for irrigating about 300 acres in the first reaches of the channel beyond the Bannur tank. Detailed estimates are under preparation for a reservoir at the Hulhalli site in connection with the Kabbini Scheme.

7. *Land Acquisition.*—Since the beginning of the Irwin Canal Works, an extent of 1,316 acres and 8 guntas has been permanently acquired and a sum of Rs. 1,48,214 was paid as compensation to the end of the year under report. In addition to this, a sum of Rs. 6,085 was paid for houses, huts, etc., acquired.

8. *Grant and Outlay.*—The total outlay on the Krishnarajasagara and Allied Works during the year amounted to Rs. 30,00,280 as shown below against the final grant of Rs. 29,99,050.

Works.	*Outlay in* 1930-31. Rs.
Dam Works	.. 7,58,138
Irwin Canal	.. 22,41,565
Extension or Improvement of existing Canals	.. —3,068
Investigations and Miscellaneous ..	.. 3,645
Total	.. 30,00,280

General—All the points under correspondence with the Government of Madras in regard to Krishnarajasagara Works have now been practically settled.

Diwan Bahadur Rajasevasakta Mr. K. R. Seshachar continued to be the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Krishnarajasagara Works and Electrical Department in the year under review. He has since been permitted to retire and Government desire to place on record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him in connection with these works.

R. RANGA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Passes General Orders on the Recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee.

READ—

1. Government Order No. 3614-73—C. B. 142-30-1, dated 17th March 1931, appointing a Committee under the Chairmanship of *Rajadharmapravina Diwan Bahadur* Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar, to examine the possibilities of effecting economies in expenditure and of improving revenue and to suggest ways and means for stabilising the financial position generally.

2. Letter No. Fl. Ret. 285, dated 12th August 1931, from the Chairman submitting the final report of the Committee.

ORDER NO. FL. 4874-923—G. F. 136-31-1, DATED 29—30TH DECEMBER 1931.

In the latter part of the year 1930-31, Government found that the position of equilibrium between Revenue and Expenditure anticipated in the budget estimates of